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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR INTERCESSION WITH INDONESIA

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1. REGRET INSTRUCTIONS REF A ARRIVED TOO LATE TO CONTACT
UMARYADI OR PRAWIRO WHO DEPARTED SATURDAY FOR KUALA LUMPUR.

2. NEVERTHELESS, AMBASSADOR HOLDRIDGE MAY MAKE RESPONSE
PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REF A ON BASIS CONVERSATIONS
WE HAVE ALREADY HAD WITH OTHER OFFICIALS (REF B).

3. AS POINTED OUT IN REF B, WE SHOULD NOT SUGGEST TOO
STRONGLY THAT THERE IS DIVISION BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND
TECHNOCRATS. OUR IMPRESSION OF INDONESIAN POSITION FROM
SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS IS THAT GOI CLEARLY ACCEPTS DECISION
OF SUMMIT ON FIVE ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN ASEAN COUNTRIES
AND ON PREFERENCES IN LIEU OF FREE TRADE AREA. INDONESIANS,
HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE HARD BARGAINING IN NAILING DOWN
DETAILS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THEY POINT OUT THAT
THEY ARE ONLY BEGINNING PROCESS WHICH HAS BEEN GOING ON
IN EEC FOR 15 YEARS AND IS NOT YET COMPLETED.

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